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1. The luxury goods industry in Jablonec (Gablonz) has recently been converted to the production of war goods (shell and aircraft parts), and is now under the Directorate of the Metallurgical Industry (sic), a national corporation.
2. The Keramické Zavody Ceramic Works, National Corporation, which was formerly the Schnabel & Sons Porcelain Factory, is under the directorate in Karlovy Vary. It manufactures, exclusively for the USSR, porcelain parts for technical purposes, but the technical specialists do not know to what use these parts are put.
3. [In the Mautner Textile Factories in Tanvald-Sunberg, television sets, radar sets, and precision instruments are manufactured. The factories are under military control.]
4. The nationalized firm of Johann Umann, a factory for optical instruments in Tiefenbach near Jablonec, telephone number Tanvald 15, is subordinate to the directorate for the Crystal Glass industry in Jablonec. Since May 1949, the Umann firm has been producing optical goods (lenses for sighting devices and periscopes) for the USSR. The firm of Josef Riedel in Polubna near Jablonec furnishes the raw material. Umann employs 173 persons, of whom 32 are clerks, 86 glasscutters (including 37 Germans), 14 locksmiths, and 43 helpers. The following are leading personalities in the factory:
 - a. Rudolf Jindra, chief of optical goods production. He was a member of the National Socialist Party; he hates the present regime, but because of his specialized knowledge and his ability to hide his attitude toward the government, he is in good favor. Jindra is directly subordinate to the Crystal Glass Directorate in Jablonec and is a member of the technical commission in this directorate.
 - b. Eduard Nedved, chief of the crystal-crushing department, formerly a glass-cutter. He is a Communist and an opportunist, and is also under the Crystal Glass Directorate in Jablonec.

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- c. Frantisek Bubenicek, director. He was a member of the Agrarian Party and is now an active Communist. He was formerly an official in a factory at Neratovice. Despite numerous complaints from important persons in the Umann factory, Bubenicek retains his job. Until the end of August 1949, his adviser was Dr. Hruba, the former owner of the firm of Hruba & Co. at Slezov, near Zelezny Brod, which manufactured crystal glass. Hruba's parents owned an estate near Pardubice. Hruba married a daughter of the owner of the Frantisek Lintka factory, which manufactures glass pearls and luxury items and which has been nationalized under the control of the directorate for the cut-glass industry in Zelezny Brod.
- 5. The following factories work for the Czech arms industry and are under the control of the directorate of metallic luxury goods:
 - a. The former Feix & Sons firm in Jablonec, with a branch firm of Maskovsky & Sons also in Jablonec; about 170 persons are employed.
 - b. The firm of Ulrich and Company on Udalni Street, Jablonec, which manufactures screws, spiral wire for tubes, and electrical cooking apparatus; it uses metal presses, hydraulic presses, and its own instruments in this manufacture. One hundred thirty persons are employed.
 - c. Morchete and Feder, on Menska Street, Jablonec. This has showrooms containing presses and all tools used in the production of precision instruments; it employs about 70 persons.
 - d. The firm of Kramer and Loebel in Jablonecke Laseky, National Corporation, manufacturing all types of electrical installation material; it was called Electro Praga until recently. Kramer and Loebel work exclusively for the USSR, which receives electrical installation material for aircraft. The factory has branches in the vicinity of Jablonec, in Lucany, and in Rynovice. About 700 employees work in these factories.
 - e. The Kahla firm in Smrzovka which manufactures pressed parts for shelves; it employs about 150 persons.
- 6. The directorate of fancy metal goods in Jablonec received an order from the USSR for 5,000 kg. of fancy goods made out of metal with artificial semi-precious stones set in exotic designs. These goods correspond to those usually delivered to South Africa and Abyssinia, and it is rumored that they are intended to be used by the USSR for propaganda purposes in Africa.

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